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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District 2026 PHOTO CONTEST CALENDAR

In the fall of 2025, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, made their annual call for the public to submit their best photos capturing landscapes, boats and piers from around the Great Lakes.

Participants from all over the country submitted photos, and people from all over the world logged onto social media and voted on those photos. We are pleased to present this downloadable calendar featuring the 12 images that received the most votes.

Big thank you to all the participants and voters! We also thank the Soo Locks Visitors Center Association for awarding the top three photographers a plaque featuring their photo.

Follow us on social media and be the first to see our announcement for next year.



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1st Place: The Joseph Block leaving the Soo Locks at sunset. Photo by Mike Mishler with 213 likes.



JANUARY 2026



The Detroit District develops civil works projects that focus on evaluating water resource-related problems and devising innovative solutions. These projects include evaluating and improving Great Lakes Navigation System components, construction of flood protection systems and designing and implementing ecosystem restoration projects, among others.



7th Place: The Alpena entering the Duluth Ship Canal through sea smoke. Photo by Stephanie Irwin with 75 likes.

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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President's Day

The Detroit District supports the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) through on-the-ground projects that clean up contaminated sediments, restore wetlands and aquatic habitat, remove obstacles to ship passage and control the spread of invasive species.



11th Place: Frankfort lighthouse during sunset Frankfort MI. Photo by Bradley Hage with 65 likes.

MARCH 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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The Detroit District is one of seven districts within the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division. Our staff offers expertise and experience across a region that serves the citizens of 17 states.



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3rd Place: U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Morro Bay going north on the Detroit River headed into Lake St. Clair. Photo by Bill Walsh with 113 likes.

APRIL 2026

The Detroit District works closely with local communities to reduce flood risk. We oversee 11 levee systems and six flood risk reduction channel projects, bringing risk reduction to more than 12,000 residents and safeguarding \$1.2 billion in residential and commercial property.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4th Place: The Alpena, photographed in Green Bay Harbor. Photo by Mike Novak with 82 likes.

MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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24	25 <small>Memorial Day</small>	26	27	28	29	30
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The Detroit District, established in 1841, encompasses 3,142 miles of shoreline in the state of Michigan and portions of the states of Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota.



9th Place Tie: Tall Ship St. Lawrence II heading down the St. Marys River after exiting the Soo Locks with crew preparing sails. Photo by Stephenie McLeod with 73 likes.

JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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The Detroit District has visitor centers in Duluth, Minnesota and Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Both are among the top visited in Corps of Engineers-wide national attendance. More than 500,000 visitors on average each year at each location.



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8th Place: Holland, MI "Big Red" lighthouse. Photo by John Remy with 74 likes.

JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 <small>Independence Day (Observed)</small>	4 <small>Independence Day</small>
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The Detroit District's Regulatory mission balances the need for protection of aquatic resources within the Great Lakes basin, with the need for economic development, giving consideration to the interests of a very diverse assemblage of program participants and public interests.



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6th Place: Algoma Buffalo being assisted into the Alpena Harbor by the Jimmy L tug. Photo by Myra Decaire with 78 likes.

AUGUST 2026



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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The Detroit District operates and maintains the Soo Locks along with 81 harbors and connecting channels on Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, St. Clair and the portion of Lake Erie that borders the State of Michigan.



1st Place: The Joseph Block leaving the Soo Locks at sunset. Photo by Mike Mishler with 213 likes.

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 <i>Labor Day</i>	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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The Soo Locks facility, operated and maintained by the Detroit District, is the district's largest project.

The locks are located on the St. Marys River in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, on the international border with Canada. Over 70 million tons of commercial commodities pass through the Soo Locks annually.



5th Place: Rainbow over the New Lock at the Soo. Photo by Bill Jeffords with 79 likes.

OCTOBER 2026



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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The Corps of Engineers' mission of strengthening our nation's economic development is achieved through developing small businesses and maximizing their opportunities to participate in our procurements, thereby ensuring a broad base of capable suppliers to sustain the Corps of Engineers as a premier organization.



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2nd Place: Iver Bright going south on Lake St. Clair in the shipping channel headed into the Detroit River. Photo by Bill Walsh with 135 likes.

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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The Detroit District monitors and forecasts the water levels of each of the Great Lakes. Official water levels are based on monthly lake-wide means, utilizing a period of record for each lake dating back to 1918. This data is coordinated between the United States and Canada.



10th Place: Mark W. Barker entering Grand Haven Harbor. Photo by Greg Bates with 72 likes.

DECEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 <small>Christmas Day</small>	26
27	28	29	30	31		

The Detroit District is prepared to provide assistance when natural disasters or other emergencies occur. We maintain an emergency management organization of trained specialists who assist state and local authorities when disaster strikes.



9th Place Tie: Sunrise over Duluth Entry from the Aerial Lift Bridge. Photo by Mark Nyman with 73 likes.